Pending Applications of Freedom Fighters of Orissa

2496. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications from Orissa for freedom fighters pension pending for clearance; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in clearance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) During the Special Drive in July|August, 1986, all pending Cases except 19 from Orissa were disposed of. These 19 cases have also since been disposed of. However we have received some representations from the applicants to review their cases which were rejected in the special drive. They are being attended to. The Government of Orissa have been requested to furnish some documents/clarification necessary in disposing of these review petitions.

होटलों में अनैतिक देह व्यापार

2497. श्रीमती रत्ना बहिन:
हुसैनी बहिन खातून:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिल्ली के होटलों और कैबरे घरों में चलने वाले अनैतिक देह व्यापार को रोकने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं; क्या यह सच है कि 8 नवम्बर की रात को पुलिस ने "पूनोकैट डिस्कोथेक" में छापा मारकर 75 लड़कियों को गिरफ्तार किया; यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस घृणित व्यापार को चलाने वाले लोगों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने ऐसा व्यापार चलाने के लिए कोई लाइसेंस जारी किये हैं; दिल्ली में ऐसे लाइसेंसशुदा और गैर-लाइसेंसशुदा कितने कैबरे घर चल रहे हैं?

श्रमिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम): (क) होटलों की बार-बार जांच की जा रही है। होटलों के आस-पास नवली ग्राहक/स्त्रोत तलाश किये जाते हैं और कड़ी निगरानी बरती जाती है।

एक पुलिस दल ने 18/19.11.88 की रात को होटल राजदूत पर छापा मारा और 75 लड़कियों और 6 अन्य व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया। अनैतिक व्यापार (निवारण) अधिनियम की धारा 8, 3, 4, और 7 के अधीन थाना हजरत निजामुद्दीन में एक मामला दर्ज किया गया है।

(ख) जी नहीं, श्रीमान। तथापि, पांचसितारा होटलों में तीन कैबरे हाऊसों और तीन डिस्कोथिक को कुछ शर्तों पर लाइसेंस दिये गये हैं। दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय द्वारा दिए गए स्थगन आदेश के आधार पर 6 कैबरे हाऊस और एक डिस्कोथिक चलाया जा रहा है।

Market Assistance Scheme for Handlooms

2498. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a new Market Assistance Scheme for handlooms;

(b) if so, the date from which the scheme is expected to be introduced; and

(c) what are the details of the benefits that would be made available to the State Government under the new Assistance Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Market Development Assistance Scheme will be implemented with effect from 1.4 1989.

(c) The Scheme provides for multipurpose assistance to the State

Handloom Development Corporations, State Handloom Apex and Primary Societies, which can be utilised for the purposes viz., (i) interest subsidy (ii) rebate/discount; (iii) capital/margin money for setting up of showrooms etc., and (iv) any other purpose approved by the Central and/or State Government subject to the condition that the amount of assistance will not exceed 8 per cent of average sales turnover of handloom fabrics, made-ups and garments (excluding Janata Cloth) in the case of State Apex Societies/Corporations and 15 per cent of cash credit limit sanctioned by financial institutions in the case of Primary Societies. The expenditure on this scheme will be shared equally by the Central Government and the concerned States.

Pak Rangers' Connection with Terrorists

2499. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistani Rangers are alleged to be playing an active role both in smuggling of weapons and helping terrorists in crossing the border; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The BSF have lodged protest with the Pak Rangers on a number of occasions. BSF have been strengthened together with border outposts, observation post towers sophisticated equipments vehicles etc. Special measures like wire fencing, wire obstacle flood lighting etc. in sensitive areas of Indo-Pak border are being taken in hand.

Sale of Gold Ornaments by Jewellers in Delhi at Concessional Price

2500. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in 'Vyapar' of Bombay dated the 6th February, 1989 regarding fradulent practice by jewellers in Delhi of selling gold ornaments cheaper than primary gold; if so, what action has been taken in the matter;

(b) whether Government are considering to effect stamping on gold ornaments to ensure its purity as is done in other countries; and

(c) what is the modus operandi of these jewellers who advertise in Delhi newspapers for sale of gold ornaments at concessional price and what preventive action has been taken by the Department concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) A news item is reported to have been published in 'Vyapar' of Bombay dated 6th February, 1989. As there is no price control on gold no action is possible.

(b) Provision already exists under Gold Control Act requiring every licensed dealer to stamp every piece of article or ornament made, manufactured or prepared by him certifying the purity of gold.

(c) As there is no price control on gold, the dealers are at liberty to sell the ornaments at any price. Sale at reduced rates is being done perhaps by cutting down on their profit margin or with a view to dispose of accumulated stocks to save on interest and other inventory carrying costs. If the dealers violate any